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In re Application of: BECKER et al.

Application No. 10/602,288

Examiner: KYLE, Michael J.

Filed: June 24, 2003

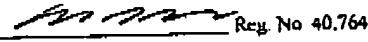
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For: CLEARANCE FREE HINGE FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE SEAT

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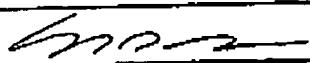
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## For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
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50	25
200	100
360	180

## Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=				

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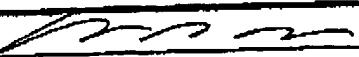
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